

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO RIDE AN OFF-HIGHWAY ATV/MOTORBIKE?

The riding requirements for motorbike and ATV's depend upon where you are riding your motorbike/ATV. Generally, this can be broken down into five different categories: 1) off-highway, 2) on-highway, 3) unpaved roads on state and federal public land, 4) on highways specifically designated by ordinance for off-highway use, and 5) ATV's on groomed snowmobile trails.



Idaho Off-Highway Motorbike/ATV Registrations

1996 11,735 ATV; 12,885 Motorbike, Total 27,725

1997 18,119 ATV; 13,185 Motorbike, Total 31,269

1998 21,890 ATV; 14,744 Motorbike, Total 36,610

1999 24,207 ATV; 19,417 Motorbike, Total 43,264

2000 30,248 ATV; 20,794 Motorbike, Total 51,042

1) OFF-HIGHWAY REQUIREMENTS

There are two requirements for ATV's and motorbikes operating off-highway on an unmaintained road, trail or area.

- ◆ Valid Motorbike/ATV Registration and Sticker. Idaho Code (IC) 67-7122
- ◆ Muffler and spark arrestor. Your muffler has to pass 96 db at the half-meter test. IC 67-7125

The Motorbike/ATV Registration requirements doesn't apply to vehicles that are only used on private land for agricultural or snowplowing purposes. If you take your ATV or motorbike into the field for hunting or for recreational purposes, it still has to be registered.

NON-RESIDENT REQUIREMENTS

Non-residents are not required to have a valid Motorbike/ATV Registration and Sticker, unless they have operated in Idaho for over 30 days. After that time, non-residents must register their ATV or motorbike.

WHERE DO I REGISTER FOR OFF-HIGHWAY USE?

- ◆ Most motorbike and ATV dealers.
- ◆ Most county motor vehicle departments.
- ◆ Idaho Dept. of Parks & Recreation offices.



Trail Riding on a recently reconstructed trail.

2) ON-HIGHWAY REQUIREMENTS

The following are only some of the requirements to operate a motorbike or ATV on roads, which are part of the state highway system, and paved roads on public land management agency lands. In general, these are roads that are paved or have a well-maintained surface.

- ◆ Valid Driver's License, if you are operating a motorbike, you must have a motorcycle endorsement. IC 49-301 and IC 49-304.
- ◆ Valid Registration as a motor vehicle, unless exempted. IC 49-402 and IC 49-426.
- ◆ Display of a valid license plate. IC 48-428
- ◆ Valid Liability Insurance. IC 49-1229
- ◆ Carry Proof of Liability Insurance in vehicle. IC 49-1332
- ◆ Brake Light, IC 49-908
- ◆ Headlight after dark/poor visibility. IC 49-903, 49-905 (2)
- ◆ Taillight after dark/poor visibility. IC 49-903 and 49-906
- ◆ Helmet under age eighteen (motorcycle only). IC 49-666
- ◆ Muffler unaltered and in good working condition, IC 49-937
- ◆ Mirror showing roadway 200 feet behind the vehicle. IC 49-940
- ◆ Horn must be audible at 200 feet, IC 49-956

WHERE DO I REGISTER FOR HIGHWAY USE?

County Department of Motor Vehicles

NON-RESIDENT REQUIREMENTS

Idaho has reciprocity with all states. Non-residents must have a valid registration and license plate from their home states if required. Non-residents cannot purchase an Idaho registration and license plate.



ATV Rider Preparing to go down the Trail.

3) UNPAVED ROADS ON FEDERAL AND STATE PUBLIC LANDS

Unpaved roads that are maintained and managed by a public land management agency such as the United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation have the following requirements:

- ◆ Valid Driver's License, if you are operating a motorbike, you must have a motorcycle endorsement. IC 49-301 and IC 49-304.
- ◆ Valid Motorbike/ATV Registration and Sticker or valid License Plate and Registration. IC 49-426.
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4) HIGHWAYS DESIGNATED FOR OFF-HIGHWAY USE

The 2000 Legislature amended Idaho Code 49-426 to allow highway districts; counties and cities designate certain roadways of off-highway motorbike and ATV use. These highways or segments of highways have to be clearly posted for off-highway motorbike and ATV use. These roadways have the following requirements:

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5) ATV'S ON SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

According the 67-7112 Idaho Code, any ATV operating on a groomed snowmobile trail, must purchase a snowmobile registration. Counties have the option to allow ATV's on groomed snowmobile trails.

Fire Season (May 10th through October 20th)

During the fire season in forested areas, all motorcycles and ATV's have to have Forest Service approved spark arrestor, shovel and bucket. A helmet can take the place of a bucket. IDAPA 20.04.01

WHERE CAN I RIDE?

Idaho has some of the best off-highway motorbike and ATV riding in the nation. Over 95% percent of these opportunities are on National Forest and Public Land. The U.S. Forest Service provides **TRAVEL PLAN MAPS** that identify open and closed roads and trails; closure dates and other details that will help you plan an enjoyable ride. The Bureau of Land Management also has riding information. Use the map to identify the nearest office.

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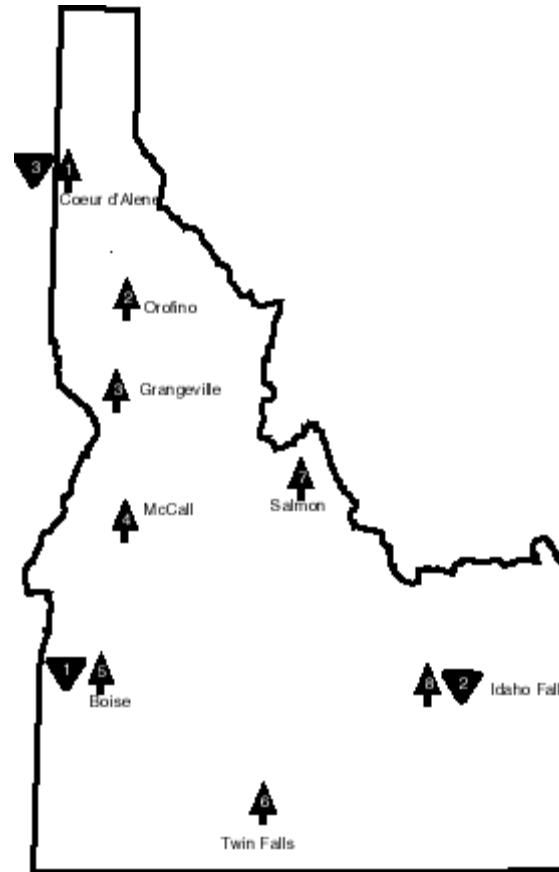
1. Coeur d' Alene Field Office
(208) 769-5000
2. Boise Field Office
(208) 384-3300
3. Idaho Falls Field Office
(208) 524-7500



U.S. FOREST SERVICE

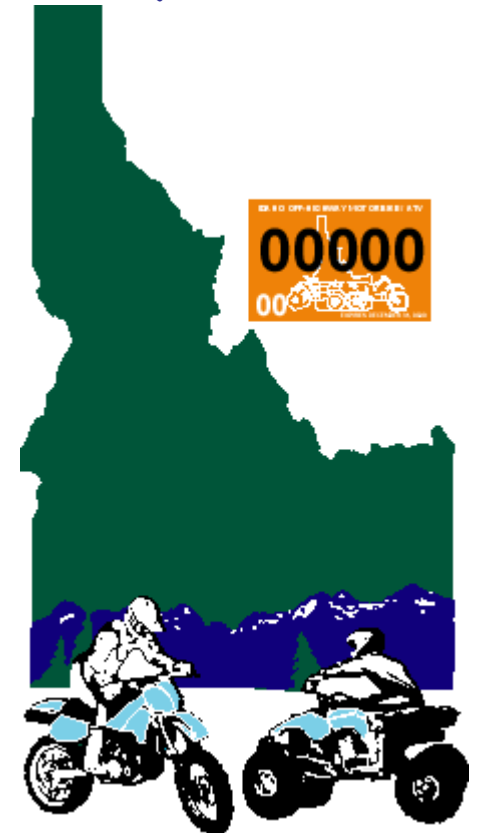
1. Idaho Panhandle National Forests
(208) 765-7223
2. Clearwater National Forest
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3. Nez Perce National Forest
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4. Payette National Forest
(208) 634-0700
5. Boise National Forest
(208) 373-4100
6. Sawtooth National Forest
(208) 737-3200
7. Salmon/Challis National Forests
(208) 756-5100
8. Caribou/Targhee National Forests
(208) 524-7500

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IDAHO MOTORBIKE/ATV REGISTRATION & EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS



In the past five years, Idaho's growing population has resulted in a huge increase in all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and off-highway motorcycles used on public lands and roads in Idaho. Many motorcycle and ATV riders are confused about the requirements for registration, equipment, and where they can legally ride.